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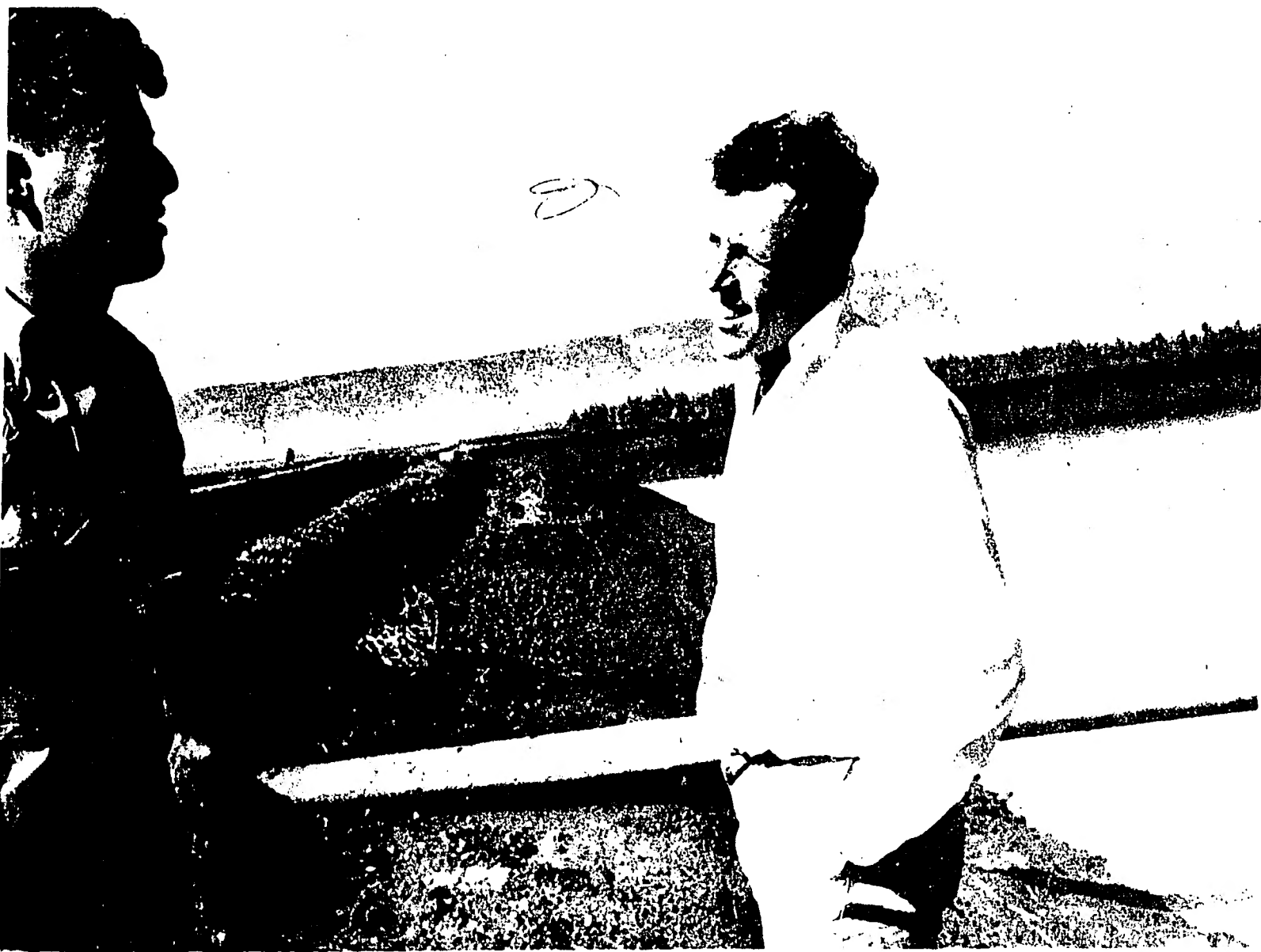
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ANTI-JEWISH SEPARATISTS REVOLT



Guarding Sea of Galilee against Syrian attacks. — Two typical Israeli farmers who work by day and carry the gun at night.

Oppose Gregoire

Resent Purge Of Lunatic Fringe In The Raillement

Montreal, (Special to The Canadian Jewish News). — Though the statement by the new leader of Raillement National, Gilles Gregoire, former second in command of Caouette's Creditiste, has been received with relief both by many in the Jewish community and French liberals, some predict that the antisemitic elements within the Raillement will not follow the new leader. Mr. Gregoire, upon assuming leadership of the former extreme rightist Separatist Raillement, went on record to declare that the Jews should not be used by anyone in the present French-English conflict. In fact, he accused the English ultras of provoking discord among Jews and French. Also he sternly denounced antisemitism; it was through his effort that the editors of La Nation, the Raillement publication, were fired for publishing anti-Jewish articles.

Are Against R.I.N.

Simultaneously, however, the lunatic fringe within the Raillement is moving ahead to break away from the new liberalized Raillement, especially since Mr. Gregoire publicly stated that he would welcome complete union with the left of center Separatist R.I.N.

Will Form New Group

It has been noted here that important members of the R.I.N. are considering such possibility though its official leader was satirical in his comment. Those best informed about the trends within the Separatist movement are certain that the pro-Fascist and bigoted elements within the Raillement will seek to form a new group ultra-Nationalist and anti-Jewish. The estimate of their importance varies though they usually make more noise than their numbers warrant.

Students Liberal

It is pointed out that most of the French students at the universities of Quebec, who are Nationalist to different degrees, also are under the influence of liberal French cultural and political movements in metropolitan France; they would rather follow Gregoire than the lunatic fringe. Furthermore many Creditistes who have been attracted by men like Gregoire and Marcoux into the Caouette fold now may follow the new Separatist leader.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

GILLES GREGOIRE

It does not surprise me that Gilles Gregoire, who has left the Caouette group to preside over the destiny of the Separatist Raillement National, rejected flatly any insinuation that he would head a party that is racist or antisemitic. No matter what one thinks about Gregoire and the reorganized Separatist movement he now leads, in my opinion he is sincere in his disassociation from and disavowal of the bigots in the Quebec Nationalist movement.

Apparently the dismissal of the editorial board of the publication La Nation, which had published obnoxious antisemitic stories, is the first act of Gregoire as president of the Raillement. I have reason to believe this action is in accordance with Gregoire's principles for this is the second time, to my knowledge, that Caouette's former second-in-command went out of his way to stress his opposition to the lunatic fringe within the revolutionary groups in his province.

Several years ago following Caouette's spectacular victory in Quebec, it had been insinuated publicly that the Creditiste leader was a pro-Nazi. After an article appeared in The Canadian Jewish News about these allegations, Mr. Gregoire's office called me to inquire whether I should like to meet Caouette. An interview was arranged which lasted more than two hours. Mr. Gregoire was present during the entire meeting. Right then and there he made clear his opposition to Hitlerite tactics and the dissemination of bigotry.

While Caouette as a leader failed to impress me—he indulged in oratory, avoiding the issue whenever a question rose—Gregoire made sense and spoke to the point. I noticed the difference between the two—the country boy vs. the intellectual.

Whenever French was spoken, Gregoire's language was that of a man of culture and parliamentarian while Caouette's speech was coarse and uncouth.

Caouette displayed his complete ignorance of contemporary history. At one point, in order to impress with his international connections, the Creditiste leader produced a complimentary note from Hjalmar Schacht, notorious Hitlerite financial wizard. Obviously Caouette did not know Schacht had been responsible for Hitler's economic survival in the first years of the Nazi regime.

Gregoire saw my grimace and intervened. In a few short, pointed and elegant French phrases, he made an effort to minimize this unfavorable impression.

Until the end, Gregoire remained the intellectual force within the Creditiste party. Now that he has joined the Raillement National, the question arises: what next? Will Gregoire succeed really in uniting most of the Separatist forces, will he give this new "rally" an image of respectability or will he contribute to a deeper rift within the independence factions in Quebec?

As an observer, I refrain from any comment on the merits of Quebec-based parties. For, despite our keen interest in and involvement with the destiny of Quebec, it will be the people of that province who, in the end (as I have pointed out upon another occasion), must determine their future.

One only can follow with concern the present convulsions rocking the political body of that province. Moreover one must be ready for many surprises. But certainly any slander against Jews must be rejected from every source, whether Separatists or Canadian patriots. There is no Jewish policy on Separatism; there cannot be. The political trends in Quebec are reflected in every group dwelling in that province.

RUSSIA STILL ARMING SYRIA

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union has sharply increased military aid operations in the Middle East, U.S. administration sources reported. The Russians also have made significant new arms deliveries to a number of the new African countries, where they apparently see an opportunity to increase their leverage, U.S. officials added.

The programme has become increasingly costly, but is bearing fruit. Having exhausted stocks of obsolescent armament from which it supplied earlier requests, the Kremlin now is delivering more and more relatively new equipment, the sources said. Examples include the Mig-21 jet fighters recently sent to Algeria and the Tu-7 fighter-bombers promised to Iraq, the first such fighter-bombers to be given to any non-Communist country.

Soviet leaders obviously consider the increasing cost justified if it erodes Western influence, counters China's propaganda charges and disrupts traditional patterns of trade, observers said.

Russia, which already had distributed \$4,000m. in military equipment to 19 underdeveloped countries, has placed another \$1,000m. since last year. The stepped-up shipments now being made appear to be in fulfillment of these commitments of the past year. In May, Russia made another military aid deal with Iraq, the fifth with that country, under which it will provide more than \$175m. in military equipment.

Meanwhile, military aid shipments to Egypt and Syria are continuing steadily and still another commitment to Syria is reputedly under negotiation. In addition to increasing military aid deliveries to Algeria, Russia has also started sending armaments through Algeria to Mali, Somalia and Guinea are two other African countries which have just received Russian arms, it is believed.

The extent of the Soviet effort to influence Middle Eastern and African countries through military aid is underlined by the fact that almost 19,000 officers and men from countries receiving Soviet arms are being trained in Russia. In addition, about 3,500 Soviet military advisers and trainers are assigned to countries getting Russian arms.

LONDON, (JCN) — "A serious change in the elements of the situation on the Arab-Israeli front" is how the Syrian President Nureddine al-Atasi, has described the new Syrian policy of aggression, which recently led to the sinking of an Israeli patrol boat on the Sea of Galilee and the destruction of two Syrian aircraft.

Nearly the whole of Atasi's speech at the opening of the Aleppo agricultural fair was devoted to the topic of the "liberation war" against Israel and to an attack on Jordan and King Hussein for their "sell-out to imperialism."

Declaring that Syria had abandoned Arab summit conference because of the waste of effort involved, Atasi said: "We have adopted the popular liberation war as the basis of our action for Palestine out of the belief that the Palestine question is one of life or death for the Arab masses."

These masses are capable of retaining the Palestine question as an Arab cause and of sacrificing everything until victory is achieved. Revolutionary Syria will continue its revolutionary policy until Palestine is liberated.

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ISRAEL INAUGURATES NEW KNESSET

JERUSALEM

(JCN) Speakers or presiding officers of the Parliaments of 45 countries, more than 120 representatives of Jewish communities abroad and 5,000 Israeli guests attended the opening of the new Knesset building on August 30.

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all guest Speakers; and by Mr. Eshkol and President Shazar. The Speaker of the Knesset then presented Mrs. James de Rothschild with a parchment scroll. This was meant as a tribute to her late husband, whose bequest of 116 million began the project. After the reply of Mrs. James de Rothschild, the choir and orchestra rendered "Sing unto the Lord" from Handel's "Judas Maccabeus".

Then followed the lighting of a beacon and the cutting of ribbon at the entrance to the Knesset building by Mrs. James de Rothschild. The affixing of mezuza by the two Chief Rabbis of Israel, Rabbi I. J. Unterman (Ashkenazi) & Rabbi Kzshak Nissim (Sephardi), and the blowing of shofarot concluded the ceremony.

The first elected Knesset met in February, 1949, in a hurriedly converted disused cinema on Tel Aviv's sea shore (today housing "Israel's fledgling opera company.") In December, 1949, it moved to a larger but still inadequate construction on Jerusalem's King George Avenue, where it stayed until its current summer recess.

All 150 members of the Knesset Guard were on parade for the ceremonies and 800 policemen and ushers were on duty. The moving spirit behind the session in February, 1949, was Mrs. James A. Rothschild of London, whose foundation contributed millions of pounds for the erection of the new Knesset building. She is shown at the cornerstone laying with the late Knesset president Sprinzak and the late president Ben Zvi. Behind Mrs. Rothschild who attended the inauguration ceremony this week in Jerusalem is Knesset Clerk Moshe Rosetti.

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Catholics Support Government Stand

Rabbinical Council, Orthodox Groups In Battle For Day School

BY OUR JCNS CORRESPONDENT

New York (CJN) — The heads of two major Orthodox Jewish organizations asked New York's Board of Education to allocate general funds immediately to help pupils in all-day Jewish schools.

The funds would be made available under Title I of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which provides funds for remedial and enrichment programs for both public and non-public school children. But since all of the programs will be under the control of the Board of Education the board must pass on them.

In a joint statement, Rabbi Pinchas Z. Levovitz, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Moshe I. Feinstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, asserted that delay in granting funds "may make it impossible to implement the program for the coming year."

Orthodox Judaism operates a network of Day Jewish schools with an enrollment of more than 60,000.

Jewish Groups Divided
The Orthodox groups support the education bill but several Jewish groups, including the American Jewish Congress, oppose the bill contending that it violates church-state relations. The New York Civil Liberties Union, the United Parents Associations and Protestant lay groups have also opposed the measure.

Rabbi Levovitz and Mr. Feinstein, in their statement, said any delay in granting Federal funds "would prove an irreparable damage for hundreds of thousands of youngsters in New York City and will adversely affect their future."

Both Orthodox leaders emphasized that their groups are "traditionally opposed" to Federal aid and involvement in religious schools but they contended that the present law "is in full consonance of the separations of church and state."

Catholic Stand Supported
They added that "it is our contention, that our children are not to be penalized in the securing of the skills which modern society requires of them." The Orthodox leaders said that "the fact that these children are sent to religious schools should not preclude them from the opportunity of receiving the same benefits which our Government is extending to all other children." In effect, the position by the Orthodox leaders supports one taken earlier this month by Msgr. Raymond P. Rigney, superintendent of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, and the Very Rev. Eugene J. Molloy, chairman of the

Committee of Nonpublic School Officials.

The Catholic leaders said they would demand a Congressional investigation if the proposed use of Federal funds for disadvantaged children in public and nonpublic schools was

not expedited by the Board of Education.

Father Molloy said that his committee represents more than 500,000 children attending Catholic, Protestant, Episcopal, Greek Orthodox, Hebrew Day and Lutheran schools.

SECOND CHIEF RABBI ELECTED BY "FEDERATION"

LONDON, (JCNS) — The ultra-Orthodox Federation of Synagogues has decided to appoint its own Chief Rabbi. Its executive has recommended 66-year-old Dr. Eliezer W. Kirzner, at present living in New York, as the first holder of this office. This was officially revealed in a statement issued here

which reads:
"The executive of the Federation of Synagogues have unanimously agreed to recommend to the general council at its forthcoming meeting that a 'call' be extended to Rabbi Dr. Eliezer W. Kirzner to accept the office of Chief Rabbi to the Federation of Synagogues."

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London, (JCNS) — News that three departments of the Jewish Agency dealing with immigration and absorption - the Immigration Department, the Absorption Department and the Economic Department - are to be merged and some of their staff declared redundant is welcome, if tardy. The separation of the departments dealing with absorption and immigration into different, and politically hostile, hands has been a cause of many serious social difficulties inside Israel. The Economic Department was set up partly to repair the shortcomings of both departments and of the Israeli authorities where the absorp-

tion of middle-class immigrants was concerned. But since it remained in the hands of a minor party, it had little hope of reversing general trends in Government and Agency policies and in Israeli society. Even if pruning of these three departments is carried out, this can only be the beginning. The Jewish Agency is hopelessly swollen to provide jobs and party funds. Its executive of 23 is too unwieldy to function as a policy-making body. Its departments have grown by fission like amoebae to provide direct- orship and party benefits. Why should there be need both for a Children's and Youth Aliyah

Department, for an Agricultural Settlement Department and a Middle Class (Agricultural) Settlement Department, for Organization and Administration departments, for Education and Culture in the Diaspora and Torah Education and Culture in the Diaspora, for a Communities and Organisations Department and a Foreign Relations Department? Indeed, why should many of these organisations exist at all when the Israeli Government has large departments dealing with foreign relations, agriculture, relations with Jews abroad, education and similar functions?

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BY VISCOUNT EDWIN SAMUEL



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"In light of the critical events and economic pressures which the State of Israel is undergoing at this time concurrent with world conditions, it is doubly imperative that leading supporters of the Bond program be made fully aware of the central role Israel Bonds are playing in helping Israel meet these new pressures," stated Mr. Godfrey, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the State of Israel Bond Organization of Toronto. "For this reason we consider it an exceptional privilege to have the opportunity on September 8th to hear at first-hand from the world head of Israel Bonds, just what the urgent needs of the country are, and how best we here can help her over this temporary hump," Mr. Godfrey concluded.

An important ceremony took place in Jerusalem on one of Jerusalem's busiest main streets. For the past eighteen years, Israel's Parliament has been very poorly housed, first the edge of the Kirya, the in an abandoned cinema on the square mile of open public land

Traveler's Column Queries & Answers

● Question: A friend of mine who recently visited the Adriatic Coast of Italy was full of praise for this beautiful but seldom frequented seashore by Canadians. In fact, he told me that he saw there hundreds of Jewish families from England and other European countries. Are there accommodations for people wishing to observe the dietary laws?

● Reply: Rimini, Cattolica, Riccione and other resorts along this coast recently have developed a substantial clientele because of relatively moderate prices. There are not only facilities for those desiring to observe kashrut but some of the finest hotels supply kosher meat. Among them are the Grand Hotel in Rimini, the Lido Mediterraneo in Riccione, the Atlantic in Riccione. The Rabbi of Bologna not only supervises the kashrut there but also has supplied some hotels with sefari Torah for religious services. Travel agents listed on this page are competent to make arrangements for trips to Italy.

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west of the city which accommodates many of Jerusalem's major institutions. These include the concert hall and convention centre, the Hebrew University, the new Israel Museum and many big blocks of Government offices. This City Centre - which compares favourably with that of any other metropolis in the world - owes its existence to the Israel Government's firm control. It is they who allotted the adjacent valley to be turned last year into the Sacher Park, instead of allowing it to be built over.

Israel has been interested in the past primarily in housing its rapidly expanding population; the Knesset had to wait its turn. But now that it has come, the results are stupendous. Many Parliamentarians, particularly in Britain, will envy the facilities provided in Jerusalem. In the Palace of Westminster, M.P.s have great difficulty in finding a place where they can deal with their parliamentary correspondence. In the Knesset, there are sixty offices for its 120 members, two to a room.

The new building has everything a legislator can desire - a handsome legislative library, a post office, committee rooms, rooms for receiving delegations, and a private restaurant, with a wonderful view across the rolling hills of Jerusalem towards the eighth century old Monastery of the Cross. The press, too, are well catered for, with a comfortable press gallery and nine shared rooms in which to type their coverage. The general public have at their disposal two hundred seats in a gallery of their own, with an additional gallery for V. I. P.s and for the President of Israel and his suite when he attends a Knesset sitting. Individual Ministers have their own rooms on the lower

floors which stretch out wider and wider like the steps to a throne. The Cabinet has its own meeting-place there, too, which emphasises the dominance in Israel of Parliament over the Cabinet.

Then, of course, the Speaker of the Knesset, Kaddish Luz, has his own suite of rooms. So does Moshe Rosetti, the Clerk to the Knesset, of British origin, to whom is largely due not only the arrangement of the new building but also the Knesset's own procedures.

The layout of the Chamber itself, the heart of the new building, has to follow Israel's multi-party system. The parties sit in a semi-circle and not face to face, as in the British Parliament. Each of the 120 Knesset members has his own desk as in the United States Congress. The decoration of the Chamber is subdued and in perfect taste. Behind the Speaker's rostrum is a sandstone wall sculptured in low relief with irregular abstract forms. In the side walls are glass-panelled cabins for simultaneous translation to and from Arabic (for the benefit of the Arab members and their Jewish listeners); and for the recording of the Knesset's debates to provide the excerpts used in Kol Israel's nightly radio programme on the day's proceedings. The Chamber is well lit and, what is important in a hot country, well ventilated.

Adjacent to the Chamber is a great ante-chamber now being decorated by Marc Chagall. The tapestries he designed as hangings are still being woven by the Abussous works in France and will not be ready for another year. But some mosaic floor inserts are in place while the whole of one end wall is covered by a magnificent Chagall mosaic, made in Raven-

na, depicting the past typified by the Walling Wall, and the future - a menorah, symbol of the State of Israel, which seems to shimmer against its background of tiny gold cubes.

The exterior architecture of the new building is severe. The paneled bronze doors are by an Israeli designer, Shraga Weill: while the bold and massive outer gates, beyond the immense forecourt, are by David Palombo, who also designed superb doors for the Yad Vashem Memorial Hall in Jerusalem. (He was tragically killed this month in a motor accident). Beyond the outer gate will stand the great figured Menorah, designed by the late Benno Elkann, a resident of London, and presented some years ago to the Knesset by well-wishers, both Jewish and Gentile, in Britain.

The ceremonial opening of the Knesset took place in this forecourt. The chief place at the opening ceremony was being reserved for Mrs. James de Rothschild, for it is she who honoured the intention of her late husband (only discovered after his death) to finance the construction of the new building. So far, this has cost \$2,250,000. I only know of one other case where a private citizen has financed the building of a Parliament, and that is in Tanganyika, where the new Parliament was presented by a prominent local resident of Indian extraction. But he made one condition, and that was that he should be the Speaker, which was done.

But Mrs. Rothschild has made no such stipulation. On the contrary, she has resolutely refused to have even a tablet bearing the Rothschild name affixed to the building (Jewish donors in Britain and the United States, please note). With great difficulty, she has been persuaded

to agree that portraits of her late father-in-law, Baron Edmond de Rothschild - who did so much for the early Jewish settlement in Palestine - and of his son James, should be hung on the walls of the Knesset Speaker's Lobby, to which the public is not admitted.

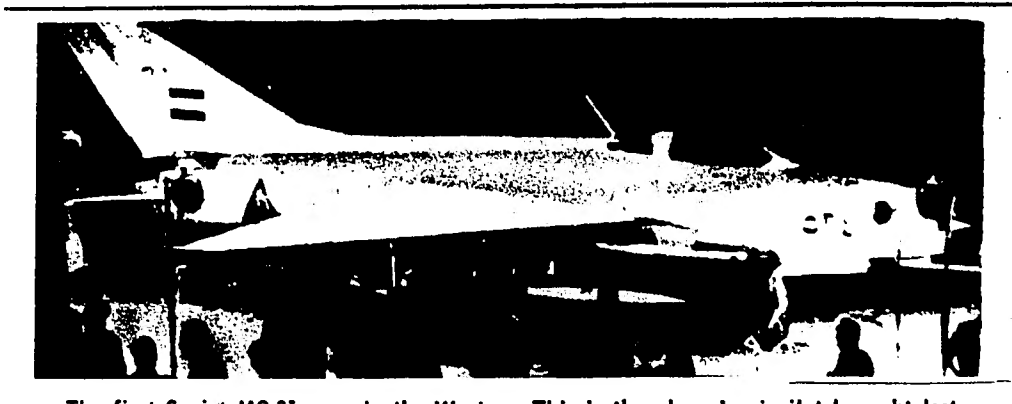
The upkeep of the new Knesset building is, of course, being undertaken by the Israeli Government itself. The Knesset's budget which includes the salaries of all its members - will only go up from half a million sterling a year to three quarters of a million. This is not excessive, as it is the intention of the Israeli Government to emphasize to its citizens, through the construction of this magnificent building, the importance of parliamentary democracy. The new Knesset will raise the morale not only of those who will work in it, but of the whole population of Israel.

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The first Soviet MIG-21 seen in the West. — This is the plane Iraqi pilot brought last week to Israel.

The Crisis At Israeli Border ESHKOL: NOT AFRAID OF SYRIA

Jerusalem, Israeli — Prime Minister Eshkol declared this week, recent statements by Syrian leaders left no doubt about Syria's aggressive aims. He reiterated that the Israel Defence Forces ensured effective defence against any further Syrian provocation.

Mr. Eshkol, reporting at the weekly Cabinet meeting on Sunday, said he hoped that the regime in Damascus would take stock of the seriousness of the situation. The premier and Defense Minister referred

to Saturday night's speech in Aleppo by Syrian President Nureddin Atassi, in which he was quoted as saying that any future move by Israel "will be answered not only on the scene of the aggression, but will cover vital targets inside occupied Palestine." Mr. Eshkol said that continued Syrian threats at this highest level did not contribute towards easing of tension.

No reference was made at the Cabinet meeting to the Iraqi Mig flown to Israel by its defector pilot, the Government Secretary said in reply to questions.

United Nations Impotent

London (JCNs) — Some recent reports from Syria have warned of the imminence of an attack on Israel. Whether or not these reports are exaggerated the possibility of hostilities cannot be ruled out. It may even be true that the Syrian leaders themselves do not really mean what they say when they announce their intention of launching a "popular war against Israel armed forces. But, as specialists on Arab affairs have had cause to point out, when slogans become a substitute for policy they eventually come to determine actions.

If the Syrians should put their threats and promises into effect, Israel will have little choice but to meet force with force. No government can stand by idly and see its territory invaded and its citizens killed or terrorized. For Israel cannot expect much from the United Nations. The U.N. is an assembly of Governments each carrying out its own policies, and where Israeli-Arab conflicts are concerned the U.N. is virtually paralyzed.

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The Canadian Jewish News also is planning new features for the year 5727. They will be announced in the forthcoming New Year issue.

New Year greetings, messages and articles reviewing the world and the Jewish scene will be printed on September 9th, 14th and 23rd.

Among special essays featured in the Rosh Hashana magazine will be an original article by Menachem Begin: Why I Resigned As Leader of Herut; A Travelogue on the present day Jewish situation in South Africa and Rhodesia by Dr. N. L. Rabinovitch. Also many articles and features dealing with the Canadian situation, discussing literary trends, stories and poems.

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CANADA VS. DISCRIMINATION

The nation in its pursuit of more unity and greater harmony among all its racial, religious and ethnic components will hail Canada's most recent action in the battle against prejudice.

Last week, in the name of the government, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Paul Martin announced the signature by Canada, subject to ratification, of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, which was approved by the twentieth session of the United Nations General Assembly in a resolution adopted unanimously on December 21, 1965.

The "Convention" binds states which ratify it to condemn racial discrimination and to pursue a policy of eliminating racial discrimination in all its forms. Parties to the Convention also commit themselves to take concrete measures to ensure the adequate protection of racial groups or individuals

belonging to these groups. The Convention further provides for the establishment of machinery to oversee the implementation of its provisions.

Mr. Martin commented that Canada's signature served to reaffirm in an unequivocal manner Canadian agreement in principle with the purpose of the Convention, i.e. the elimination of racial discrimination in all its forms.

Since a number of the Convention's provisions fall within the legislative competence of the provinces, its implementation in Canada will only be possible with the co-operation of the provincial authorities. Consultations will therefore be initiated shortly with the Provinces with a view to exploring the possibility that Canada might formally bind itself to implement all the provisions of the Convention through ratification.

This is good news indeed.

The Beginning Of Wisdom

MEANING OF EDUCATION

When Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva College opened its doors a few years ago, many obsessed by the complexes of integration and assimilation at any price cynically ridiculed the entire initiative. How could boys "learn day and night" Gemorah, as the Yiddish expression goes, and still adjust themselves scholastically to the rigid demands of the modern high school curriculum? This was the most often heard criticism leveled at the Torah high school, similar to the objections heard when the Jewish day school system was born.

Today no one, but no one, questions the fact that the Jewish day school produces students as typically North American and as well educated as those of the secular educational system. Meanwhile, however, the beginnings of the Jewish day school on a higher level are made difficult because of inadequate understanding bordering on ignorance of what education really means in the second half of the twentieth century.

No one ever questions the importance of physics, mathematics, history or geography. We know these subjects are vital to the understanding of the world in which we live. And God knows how often children encounter difficulty in mastering a certain subject; a student gifted in the field of algebra may be completely at loss in a mod-

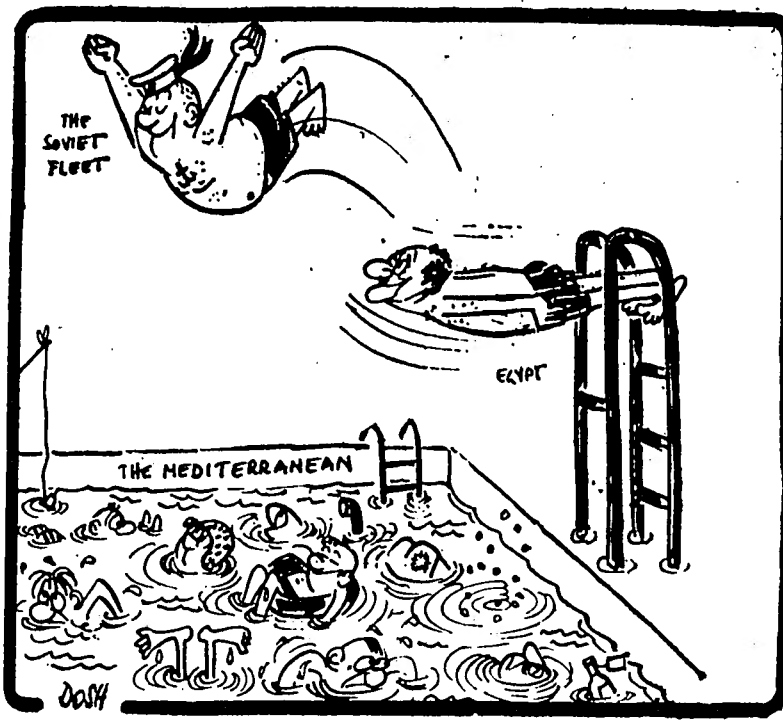
ern language class. Nevertheless there never was a voice heard to eliminate one of these important courses from the program. Yet when it comes to Torah, every amateur pedagogue and every nouveau-riche becomes an expert and explains to the public why some students should not be exposed to Jewish studies lest they fail to grasp the more important teachings.

We are not afraid to proclaim openly the ancient saying, "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of God." For a Jewish parent conscious of his heritage, there cannot be a subject more important than the study of Torah. We know from experience that the study of Talmud for centuries has proven a mind sharper; never, but never, has it become an impediment in the making of a man.

Toronto's Ner Israel College may be proud of the fact that, despite its limited facilities this year, it has produced a grade 13 class with a high average.

What we say about Ner Israel is true about all Jewish day schools, elementary and high, about the Torah school system in general. Only when we were a people of Torah we produced in our schools some of those great minds that still illuminate the spirit of man.

SOVIET SUMMERTIME GAMES OFF THE MEDITERRANEAN



Masrur, Tel Aviv

IN THE GAZA STRIP "REFUGEES" TRAIN FOR INVASION How Nasser Exploits The Poorest Among The Poor

BY JOE ALEX MORRIS JR.

GAZA—Late in the afternoon, when the mid-summer scorch goes out of the Mediterranean sun, a large group of young men emerges from several rows of bleached white tents in the sandy wastes a few hundred yards from the seacoast.

One day they may be dressed in khaki and practise close order drill. On the next, they appear in white shorts and undershirts, on the asphalt streets surrounding their barbed-wire-enclosed camp.

Occasionally, they can be heard shouting their single clarion call: "We will return." For these young men have been freshly recruited into the "Palestine Liberation Army" (P.L.A.). They are being trained to form the spearhead one day—they hope—will invade Israel and put an end to the Jewish state.

The P.L.A., the military wing of the "Palestine Liberation Organization (P.L.O.)" was established with just this in mind. It has been drafting young men into its ranks for well over a year now, and although its strength is a military secret, observers here think it is about 8,000 men, either trained or under training.

Neither in its present strength nor its reported goal of 25,000 men under arms is the P.L.A. by itself going to come close to accomplishing its professed aim of eradicating Israel. But its mere existence makes it a dangerous nuisance, if not a menace, to peace and stability in the Middle East.

Perhaps its real threat to stability lies in its capacity to launch an attack against Israel from its bases in the Sinai Peninsula which would drag in other Arab armies and escalate out of control. This is unlikely to happen so long as a large

proportion of its officers and noncommissioned officers are Egyptians from President Nasser's regular army. But Egyptians are being phased out as Palestinians are trained to take their places. A considerable number of youths are now in the officer training schools of Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Kuwait, and before too long they should be ready to take over the lower echelons of command.

Very few details have emerged about the P.L.A. Requests by Western correspondents to visit their training camps are regularly turned down, and the few one meets accidentally in Gaza are reluctant to answer even the most routine sort of questions.

From Soviet Sources

The P.L.A. is for the most part equipped with second-hand Egyptian military equipment, much of it from Soviet-bloc sources. It has held at least one series of maneuvers in the Sinai Desert, using old American Army, light and medium artillery and live ammunition. Military aid has been promised by Communist China, but so far has not arrived in large enough quantities to have been noticed by outside observers.

Gaza is the only area where Palestinians are actually being conscripted into the P.L.A. It is still drawing on the first category—young men from 22-28—and observers here have the impression that a relatively low budget plus limited capacity for equipping the troops has kept the induction rate fairly slow. There are more than 400,000 Palestinians living in Gaza, of whom at least 100,000 are considered fit for military duty.

Conscription theoretically applies to all, but any Palestinian can get deferred if he holds a steady job. Length of service

depends on educational qualifications, with the poorest educated serving three years and others serving as little as one and one-half years.

The recruit is paid four Egyptian pounds (\$9.20 a month, plus plasters (about ten cents) a day for food. The army is also open to volunteers, but Palestinians here say that most of the soldiers are conscripts. Aside from the units formed here, other P.L.A. forces have been formed in Syria, but these are believed small and composed entirely of volunteers.

Aside from the P.L.A. induction camp here in Gaza, with its two flags (Egyptian and Palestinian) flying at the main gate, there is not much sign of the force in the Gaza Strip. Occasionally one sees a P.L.A. soldier, distinguishable from his Egyptian counterpart only by the Palestine flag worn as a shield on his left sleeve, or a P.L.A. truck equally undistinguishable, except for its licence plate which differs from that of an Egyptian military vehicle.

Little is known about the tactics employed in training, although there is some talk here about Chinese human-wave techniques. According to Ahmed Shukeiry, head of the P.L.O., some P.L.A. officers are now being trained in China, and he has talked loosely of sending others to Vietnam to study the techniques of guerrilla warfare.

One experienced official with the U.N. emergency force here doesn't expect serious trouble for the next three to five years. After that, he isn't taking any bets.

Hopeless Poverty
After Hong Kong, the Gaza Strip is probably the most densely populated place in the world, with about 5,000 persons

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Task For Canadian Jewry

Dear Editor:

The desperate condition of the homeless Slomovitz family as pointed out in your recent issue and Rabbi David Grossman's letter in your issue of August 12th on the subject of boarding of Jewish children with non-Jewish foster parents is the outcome of the de-Judaization of Jewish social work, in process into which Canadian Jewry seems to be plunging, following the lead of Jewish social work in the United States. A community with a priority for Jewish survival would run the type of a federation and family agency that could take care of emergencies of this kind. Unfortunately, the assumption has been all too common that there are no needy Jews, except for immigrants, and that the only task worthy of case work is mental therapy. As for the

foster home vs. institutional

care, there is room for both,

from the point of view of the

child and certainly if we take

Jewish survival into considera-

tion. The history of the adjust-

ment of homeless problem

children in Israel proves the

effectiveness of proper institu-

tional care. I predict that the

solution of the plight of the

Negro family in the urban

centres in the United States

will also be partly found in the

creation of dynamic institutions

of the Ben Shemen type.

Surely, Canadian Jewry can

pioneer on a national basis in

Jewish institutional child care.

The establishment of an emer-

gency fund by the federation

for special needs of poor Jewish

families is also in order.

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SERMON FOR THE WEEK

Spiritual Assets

"For brass I will bring gold...
thy people also shall be all righteous."
(Isaiah 60, 70 and 21.)

These verses are from one of the orations delivered by Isaiah to his people in exile in Babylon. The prophet was not only a visionary but also a realist. He saw the hard facts before him.

The lamentation for the loss of Zion had made way for the note of jubilation that the new settlement now offered a promise of economic prosperity. The shores of Judea were fast receding from the horizon, whilst the markets of the towns of Babylon now presented prospects of a life of fulfillment.

The prophet knew that Judea could not be rebuilt without immigrants. The plea of modern Israel to Jews of Western countries to heed the same ideal is an echo of his call to his contemporaries who were measuring life in terms of material opportunities. He reassured his people that Judea would one day become affluent. The old country standing at the crossroads that faced so many caravan routes was the gateway to rich potentialities.

The prophet threw out this bait as an incentive for the return to Judea. He could not, however, let matters rest here. The visionary within him gave warning to the dangers of a State established on nothing more than materialism. Wealth alone could not suffice to sustain the State.

The State bereft of idealism would fall as had its predecessor. The same voice that predicted material abundance now declared "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders... thy people also shall be all righteous."

The words of this week's Haftara have an application for our present day. There is the atmosphere crisis in this country. We read our newspapers with apprehension and we are perplexed as to what will be the outcome. We have reached the stage where economic ills have completely obsessed the mind.

What of the moral malaise that plagues our modern society? Will economic rehabilitation bring salvation? Is economic solvency the guarantee for national survival?

Isaiah suggests a revised orientation as to the problem of national durability. Not wealth but righteousness is the condition for national permanence. We need this diagnosis and remedy for our own age. We can suffer a moratorium on money for a while but there dare not be a freeze of our moral assets.

We must not repeat the mistakes of the past. We have had our prosperity in an age of undreamt riches and comfort, but has it resulted in salvation? Did wealth really make men fundamentally happy in the life of their society?

The Sidra of this week is linked closely with the Haftara. It was ordained that the basket of first-fruits should be placed at the altar in the Temple. We are enjoined to dedicate our economic prosperity to the ideal of righteousness. Economic solvency is desirable; but righteousness is inescapable for the continued life of society.

ISRAELI EXPLAINS REAL POLITIK

JEWISH STATE AND GERMANY

BY AHARON AMIR

Israel officially established diplomatic relations with the German Federal Republic in the spring of 1965, against a background of severed official relations between the Federal Republic and most of the members of the Arab League. The lack of relations between the State of Israel and the German Federal Republic, notwithstanding the signing of the Reparations Agreement in 1951, and the Germans' insistence all those years on avoiding such relations, were the object of sharp criticism and a source of deep resentment in Israel. Today the existence of the relations constitutes an object of the sharpest criticism and a source of demonstrated bitterness—sometimes accompanied by hypocrisy and demagoguery.

Our relations with Germany are a most important aspect of Israel's foreign relations in general—and not because of their influence on internal Israeli politics, as because it is a matter of realpolitik.

As a matter of fact, all politics is Realpolitik, and so society can long ignore it without quickly suffering the consequences. For human history itself is first and foremost a result of the play of the forces of Realpolitik. And politics, as Napoleon nicely put it, "is first of all geography." Not history.

That is why we cannot long avoid examining the question of our political relations with

Germany in the light of Israel's political position and of the interests and goals of Israel politics. Such examination may even help us arrive at a clearer picture of those interests and goals themselves. For even these do not yet occupy the central position they deserve in Israel's political thought which still largely cleaves to routine pre-State patterns.

Regional significance
There are quite a few countries which are not powers militarily, technologically or culturally but which because of their geopolitical size or location, or because of some peculiar combination of historical, demographic and technological conditions, are of first-rate regional or even continental importance. This category includes Canada, Australia, Pakistan and India, as well as Sweden, Brazil, Argentina, the Republic of South Africa, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Egypt—and Israel.

The reciprocal relations between the two nuclear super-powers are, to be sure, the main factor determining the character of international relations in the present period, but these are relations which have reached a certain point of stability and balance.

By any "formal" yardstick, Israel would seem to be a rather doubtful candidate for inclusion in this category, owing to its small size, its small population, the weakness of its economic and strategic position, the imbalance in its social and

ecological character, its relative political and economic isolation in a hostile geopolitical environment, its excessive dependence on external resources.

In the first place, for the first time in generations—perhaps for the first time in history—a state has emerged west of the Jordan which from the purely military aspect is as strong as—if not stronger than—all of its neighbours put together. Moreover, it would appear that in the entire expanse over which Pan-Arabism professes to extend a united and uniform Arab-Muslim rule, that is, from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic Coast and from the Taurus Mountains to the deserts of Sudan, the most significant local military force today is the most blatantly non-Arab force, namely the Israel Army.

The rigidity and vociferousness of the hostile policy which engulfs Israel, accompanied by its frequent expressions of violence, serve as a rather effective if partial corrective to the weakness of Israel's socio-national structure. The smallness of our territory, and its location between declared enemies, give us, strategically speaking, the advantage of internal lines and a certain possibility of striking aggressive blows, of choosing the points of attack, of initiative in general. Israel's lack of ecological balance—i.e., the relative emptiness of its southern areas as compared with the relative density of the north—also assists manoeuv-

rability and offensive and defensive tactics. The very heterogeneity of the demographic composition of its population, despite the obvious difficulties it creates, entails important advantages which can impact flexibly in many vital areas.

Israel's strength
What is more important, the tension of growth, expansion and development in which the Israeli mentality is rooted combined with a strong orientation towards the future and with the gap between us and our neighbours from the aspect of manpower qualifications and the ability to get things done—all these vest Israel with relative weight in its geopolitical area and in the calculations of the external enemies operating without. This relative weight of course becomes a factor of strength in itself.

Any country which is striving for changes in its power status or in the basic facts of its geopolitical environment will of necessity act in opposition to the status quo policy being followed by one or both of the two nuclear super-powers. And every country which is striving in its own interests, to increase fluidity in international relations, is bound, to a greater or lesser degree, to oppose the wishes of one or both of those two powers. Finally, this very fluidity tends to diminish the degree of risk which faces countries acting with determination in accordance with their own interests, to the displeasure of the two super-powers. That is why time, even in its present divid-

ed state, she symbolizes a potential which appears to Soviet Russia to be more dangerous than any other political power. Germany's geographical position as the heartland of the great European plains has undergone a basic change. And her strength, actual and potential, as a most important reserve of industrial, scientific, economic and cultural resources, give her the attributes of a power, even if the "trauma" of the last war and its calamities have made her relatively passive in international relations.

These facts in themselves are sufficient to make Germany a factor which no country which is pursuing an active foreign policy, can afford to ignore, even if Germany were conceivably headed by a reactionary political force.

Cooperation with any international element which, actually or potentially, is in a position to clash with one or both of the two super-powers is a trump card in the hands of any country seeking basic changes in the array of forces in its geopolitical region: Israel, whether it likes it or not, is an explosive element in its region. It is in this light primarily, though not exclusively, that it must see its relations with a country like Germany, if it has really made up its mind to establish its existence not as a passing miracle but as a permanent fact.

German potential
No examination of the situation will justify the apprehension that Germany is liable once again to become a terrorist element striving, and perhaps even able, to destroy the balance of power. At the same time, even in its present divid-

ed state, she symbolizes a potential which appears to Soviet Russia to be more dangerous than any other political power. Germany's geographical position as the heartland of the great European plains has undergone a basic change. And her strength, actual and potential, as a most important reserve of industrial, scientific, economic and cultural resources, give her the attributes of a power, even if the "trauma" of the last war and its calamities have made her relatively passive in international relations.

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Engagement

Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Kaplan are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Adina to Jared Jacob Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gordon Q.C. The groom attends Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Baltimore, and is presently studying for his M.A. in city planning at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

By Ruthie

They say the older you get, the more absent-minded you become. Well, I'm pretty far from the old age bracket but I'm surely becoming absent-minded.

Last year I visited my sister in Chicago. Well, when I go there, she doesn't know what to do for me. She tries to load me with the nicest things. Sometimes I think she really has sisterly feelings. Or is it distance that keeps us from tearing each other apart?

Anyway, before I left she forced upon me a bottle of her best perfume. She knows I love the stuff (and I don't need it as a cover-up).

Well, the other day she returned the visit. And, of course, I wouldn't be outdone by her. To make a long story short, Ned brought me recently some fine imported perfume. I grabbed a bottle from the dressing table and offered it to her. She was quite thrilled until,

"Ruthie!" she shrieked. "That's the same bottle I gave you last year!"

Now, you can imagine. It was the first time I was glad we didn't live too close by. Or else we'd still be wrangling.

You'd think you'd forget some of the things of the past. Sometimes you do—until an incident reminds you of something that happened many years ago which is deeply embedded in your subconscious.

Like, whenever I want to make a comparison and blurt something out, I bite my lips. Because I remember an incident of my childhood. (Yes, chickadees, believe it or not, I once was a child).

Mama was hanging out the window of the third floor and I was playing ball right under. All of a sudden she yelled out in a foreign tongue (which I understood), pointing to a woman passing by.

"Ruthie, am I as fat as she?"
"Don't be silly," I answered in the same language, "she's twice your size," and Mama was by no means small in any language.

Well, the woman looked up and said—in the same tongue — "Are you happy now?"

Why don't children use their heads? Though maybe that's why they're children.

Mama never left my sister or me alone. And we were so frustrated. We hated to be treated like babies.

One afternoon she decided she'd trust us. After all, you had to start snipping the apron strings sometime. She had an errand to do, she'd leave us for half-an-hour.

I was ten, Sis was six. And we felt so grownup. Well, I was upstairs and she was playing outside. Suddenly I heard,

"Ruthie, throw me down a pair of scissors."
So, from the same third storey window I threw down a pair of scissors. Instead of getting out of the way and letting it fall, she tried to catch it. It grazed her cheekbone. Luckily it didn't touch her eyes.

A Mrs. Buttinsky saw the whole thing. She couldn't wait for Mama to get home so she could snitch.

Now, do I have to tell you I couldn't sit for a week? To this day Mama can't understand how I could have been so dumb as to throw down a pair of scissors from a third storey window.

But Sis got even. For a long time I didn't catch on, but, as we grew older, whenever I got anything new to wear, she'd put it on under her clothes so that I wouldn't notice. Then, a block away, she took off her own dress and paraded in mine.

Don't get any ideas, kids!

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"Girls," said Chico. "What's
yours?"

FAUX PAS
Groucho Marx was lunching
with a friend. When the bill
came, both grabbed and
Groucho won.

"Either you're losing your
grip," said Groucho, "or I don't
know my own strength."

ENCOURAGEMENT
Max: "Aren't you the one
who sold me this car two weeks
ago?"

Salesman: "Yes, sir."

Max: "Well, tell me about it
again. I get so discouraged."

PLEASANT JOURNEY
Fanny and Manny were tak-
ing a journey by car. After
travelling awhile, Fanny con-
sulted a map.

"Oi vey, Manny, we're lost."
"Nu, so what?" answered
Manny unruffled. "What's the
difference? We're making
splendid time."

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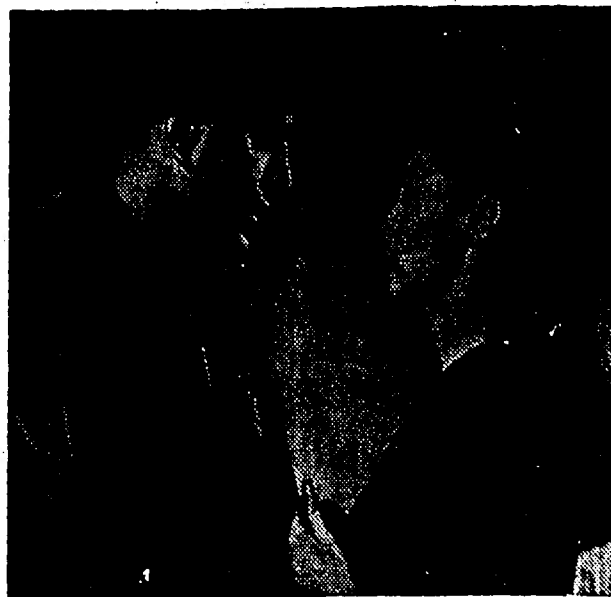
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The above scene shows Telly Savalas as a tough American tank fighter, and Pier Angeli, his Belgian sweetheart.

A SHORT, SHORT STORY

THE SHOOL SEAT

by Chaim Berman

About eleven o'clock a woman came in with an umbrella in her hand, a plastic mac over her raincoat and a plastic cover over her hat. She looked around the synagogue uncertainly through misted glasses, then at me.

"Are you the seat man?" she said.

"I am."

And she sat down opposite me with a sigh, and a crackle of plastic.

"It's not as near as I thought," she said. "If I'd known it was this far I would have taken a bus. I'm new here, you see. I wouldn't be needing a seat if I wasn't, you know. I'm not like these schleppers who come in and buy a seat once a year. I'm new here, you see. You've still got seats then?" "Yes," I

said, "in all parts."

"I used to have a nice seat in the other place, just two rows from the front, and looking straight over at the rabbi as I'm looking at you now. My husband was alive then, you see. This'll be the first Yomtov without him. Yes. Anyway so I moved. I couldn't stick that house all by myself, so I sold it, you see. He used to be in the carpet trade. Sidney, that's my husband. He used to be in the carpet trade. I do a bit of buying and selling myself. You're not looking for a carpet, are you?"

"No, not really."

"I've got a lovely strip in silver — that's the new colour, silver. Charles Clore, they say, has had his place done out in silver."

"My house is fully carpeted."

"It is?"

"Fully."

"You're a very wise young man. There's nothing to beat a carpet. You get these parquet floors bursting out all over the place. They're unsightly unless you keep polishing them. Day and night, and once you polish

them they're like icebergs. They're death traps, parquet flooring. I know a lady what broke both her legs on a parquet floor. As I said when I came to visit her in hospital."

"You were asking me about a seat."

"A seat?"

"A shool seat."

"You've got seats, then?"

"In all parts."

"I used to have a lovely seat in the other place, just two rows from the front. But I can't go there now, not now. I live too far, you see. I've moved. I could stay with my son.

Lovely house he's got, carpeted from attic to ceiling. His wife's a university graduate — been to university and graduated. I could stay with them, but they don't keep kosher you see. I mean it may be all right not being kosher during the week but when it comes to Shabbat and Yomtov I'm particular."

"I don't travel not on Shabbat or Yomtov. Some of the oldest people I know don't keep nothing. My sister's children, sons, daughters-in-law, they don't keep nothing — and they're not even university graduates."

"It was different when I was a young girl. I remember."

"The seat," I said.

"The seat?"

"The shool seat."

"Ah, the seat. Yes. Are they expensive? They shouldn't be. It's an old place, isn't it? At least it looks as if it is, and you've no carpets. They had carpets everywhere in the other place, upstairs, downstairs, in the lobby, the vestry, even in the ladies' toilet. I don't know if they had one in the gentlemen's toilet — I think they did. It was Sidney's influence, that. He was on the board of management. If he had been on the board of management of this shool you'd have been carpeted, I can tell you that."

"Pesach she said she would get matzot in for my sake — I'm talking about my daughter-in-law, the one that's the university graduate. On Pesach she said she'd get matzot in for my sake."

"By now a crowd had collected behind her and was sitting in the pews silent and intent, as if at a public performance."

"And it's not as if she does anything with her university degree. She's a housewife the same as every girl who's been nowhere is, the only difference is she can't cook or sew. My son's still going about with buttons jangling all over the place the same as he did when he was a bachelor. She makes good conversation, he tells me. What's conversation? Talk. And what woman can't talk? When I was a girl . . ."

"The seat," I said wearily — despair was beginning to enter my voice.

"The seat?"

"The shool seat."

"Oh, the shool seat, well this time last year . . ."



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COC DIRECTOR HAPPY

General Director Herman Geiger-Torel of the Canadian Opera Company is elated by advanced box office response for the Opera which opens at O'Keefe Center September 15th through October 8th. "Such show of enthusiasm from the Toronto public and the many opera devotees who travel from all across the province to see our productions is exceedingly gratifying," says Geiger-Torel.

Danny Newman, Theater Communications Consultant of the Ford Foundation, remarked: "Of the 40 or so theatrical organizations I am associated with, none has as effective or dedicated volunteers as the Canadian Opera Company."

COMEDY COMING

Next hilarious offering at the Royal Alexandra Theater will be The Odd Couple, Mike Nichols' latest presentation.

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Coming Saturday night, September 3rd, definitely will mark the closing performance of Malka and Josie, held over an extra week because of popular demand, at the Penny Farthing.

ANOTHER FAVORITE

Casey Anderson, favorite internationally known folksinger, will appear at Castle George from Monday, September 5th, through Saturday, October 1st.

The dynamic entertainer travelled around even before his singing career started. Chicago-born, he moved to Alabama, then Georgia. He attended Maryland State College and wound up being a high school teacher for awhile. Like you-know-who, Sammy Levinson. However, his

artistry and showmanship was

too strong. Bright lights beckoned after he organized a school band.

In brief, he has been everywhere—TV, concerts, nightclubs. He is a favorite at Grossinger's. Patrons at Castle George will be happy to see him once more.

Meanwhile lovely Carol Britto and her Trio charm diners downstairs at the Spaghetti House until the 10th of September.

UNIQUE DOCUMENTARY

Ronald Shanin will narrate a film, Rivers of Fire and Ice, he produced in South Africa. It depicts African wild life and shows Mr. Stalin's exciting moments among animals of all sort and how he lived with pygmies.

Rivers of Fire and Ice will be presented at Eaton Auditorium October 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and then will be seen at the Poor Alex for two months.

GREAT SINGER PASSES AWAY

A report from Jerusalem gives the details of the people's funeral for Moshe Koussevitzky, the greatest cantor of our generation, who died in Long Island, New York, last week at the age of 67.

Koussevitzky's body arrived in Israel last Friday. He was buried at Har Hamenuhot in Jerusalem. In the plane which brought him to his final resting place was his only son, Alexander, also a cantor.

For almost fifty years, Koussevitzky, who was born in Smaraggon near Vilna and who had been a laborer in his early youth, occupied leading posts in the cantorial profession. His first important position was that of chief cantor of Vilna. Then he became the Hazan of the largest synagogue in Warsaw.

Later he emigrated to America via England. His latest appearances in Canada were at the Torah Emeth Jewish Center in Toronto and the Lubavitcher school dinner in Montreal.

At his deathbed in Brooklyn was his old mother as well as his youngest brother, David Koussevitzky, also a famous cantor.

Following the German occupation of Poland, he succeeded in escaping to Russia where he gave concerts and played opera during the war years. Towards the end of the war he was permitted only once to conduct services in the Moscow Central Synagogue. A year later he returned to Poland where tens of thousands of Jews and non-Jews heard him recite the prayer for the dead in the ruins of the Warsaw Ghetto.

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Mourning by the world of art and liturgy. — Moshe Koussevitzky, greatest of all cantors, was also known as opera star.

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Finally after twenty-one years, the Soviet Union has recognized the dead victims of the Nazis in Babi Yar, a ravine near Kiev. Till recently it was taboo to mention these Jews shot en masse by the German invaders. Now the facts are published for the first time in a semi-fictional form, a story by Anatoli Kuznetsov, serialized in "Yunist", Russia's foremost youth magazine.

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By D. Cohn

Any Wednesday, the Warner Bros. motion picture version of Muriel Resnick's play, now running at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre, will have its world premiere coming fall. The film stars Jane Fonda, Jason Robards, Dean Jones and Rosemary Murphy. It is in Technicolor and was filmed partly on location in New York City. Robert Ellis Miller directs.

Tad Mosel, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright who has written the screenplay of Up the Down Staircase, doubled as school pianist during the filming of opening day assembly sequences for the motion picture version of Bel Kaufman's best-selling book about life in a big city high school.

Mosel collaborated with pianist Betty Jo French on the music and lyrics for the school song sung by some 500 students in the scene. Miss French is leader of The Tonettes, popular Detroit trio. Night club singer Marty Richards, who doubles as casting assistant in the Technicolor film, taught the youngsters the Calvin Coolidge High School song.

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On the set of The Cool Ones, Phil Harris kept cool when he received word that his daughter Phyllis had given birth to a girl, the first granddaughter for Phil and his wife Alice Faye.

The baby was born last week in Scottsdale, Arizona, where Phyllis and her husband, Myron Beck, live. The Becks also have a son, Philip, 2, named after his show-biz grandfather.

The Harris' other daughter, Alice, and her husband, Ted Alcus, have two sons, Gregory, 4, and Darren, 2.

Steve Roberts will portray President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the sixth time in Warner Bros.' First To Fight, a drama of the U.S. Marines in World War II. He was seen first as Roosevelt during a six-month stage engagement of Sunrise At Campobello, in Hollywood.

When a smoldering trash can on the set of Universal's Gambit was discovered, the Universal City fire department was called quickly. The man who

answered the distress call? Arnold Fier, an eight-year veteran of the studio fire department.

Actor Robert Wood was in the midst of moving into his new apartment when the Universal casting office called him for a part in the suspense thriller, Let's Kill Uncle—as a furniture mover.

A chicken, being used in a scene in Thoroughly Modern Millie, has found a friend. Bea Lillie fed the cackler some sunflower seeds, thus earning it's undying affection. However, Miss Lillie felt the bird was carrying things too far when she discovered two freshly laid eggs in her dressing trailer.

Leo Gordon not only is one of the stars of Universal's Tobruk but also is the author of the screenplay.

Sydney Chaplin claims that nepotism played no part in father Charlie's casting him in, A Countess From Hong Kong. Or at least, he smilingly admits, "relatively" little.

Julie Christie's three major starring roles have covered a lot of ground in terms of time. Dr. Zhivago, was part history, Darling, was contemporary, and her latest, Fahrenheit 451, is a science fiction thriller dealing with the future.

Paul Newman will lead the cast of the comedy, Meanwhile, Far From The Front, a screenplay by Academy Award winner Peter Stone. In the film, Newman plays a goldbricking GI who has escaped so many times from Army stockades that he's chosen to engineer a breakout from an Italian camp of a group of important Allied generals.

Dialect expert George Wray was signed for an unusual job. For a scene in Thoroughly Modern Millie, he must teach Oxford-educated actor Richard Chang how to speak with a Chinese accent.

Due to lighting problems, a party scene in A Countess From Hong Kong dragged on past the normal lunch break. Finally, after great delay, director Charles Chaplin was ready to shoot. But when Marlon Brando reached for an hors d'oeuvre in the scene there were none. The hungry cast had eaten all the props.

Bel Kaufman, who wrote Up the Down Staircase, is pulling a "Hitchcock" by appearing in a non-speaking role in the film in which, naturally after 17 years as a teacher in the New York school system, she portrays a teacher.



ON TV, Rima Brodie, exponent of modern dance who with husband Paul, directs the Brodie School of Music and Modern Dance, will appear with her Modern Dance Company as guest on the CBC-TV program, Take Thirty, early this fall.

Exclusive Report From England

SHOULD THERE BE FEAR OF MENTAL DISTURBANCE?

By June Rose

Eighteen months ago a Jewish half - way home for long-term ex - mental patients was opened in London. It was destined for men and women many of them victims of Nazism who had remained for 20 to 30 years in mental hospitals and were likely to stay there, simply because they had nowhere to go.

At a public inquiry held in 1963, before the opening of the hostel, 99 per cent of the opposition came from Jewish residents, with a rabbi at its head.

Whether through ignorance or self-interest, the public still fears mental illness. Goodwill campaigns and massive publicity have not yet broken down the terror of "madness" that broods in the mass imagination.

But mental health, or rather mental ill - health - dogs the Jewish as well as the general community. One member in every five families in Britain will spend part of his life in a mental hospital. In London and the Home Counties, 1,500 Jewish patients occupy beds in 26 mental hospitals.

Today, they are no longer frightening institutions. The advent of tranquillizers and other drugs that can control, if not cure, the course of severe illness has taken the horror out of these hospitals. The strait-jackets, the padded cells, the jailers of the patients have gone for ever.

At Horton Hospital, outside London, the wards seem bright, cheerful and friendly. "We have more time to be with the patients," a mental nurse told me as he pointed out the art gallery, the shop, the playing fields, the hall for music, for this is a community, a town if you like, with its own community life.

It is not perhaps surprising that the "star" performer in the musical line is a young Jewish jazz musician.

I visited a music therapy class where a Jewess from Vienna (who once played the violin with the Palestine Philharmonic) was charming the elderly patients into response as they sat in their high-chairs, banging percussion instruments with tremulous limbs and registering recognition and delight at familiar old tunes like "I do like to be beside the seashore."

By contrast, I was shown into the padded cell, used nowadays only for drunks. It is a small room, with walls of rubbercork dust and a bed made up on the floor. The smell of the rubber - loaded door made me shudder involuntarily.

Those horrors are gone, but one may come upon tragedy in the corridors of a mental hospital. A Jewish intellectual, his fine features blurred by illness, came up to introduce himself. Once a leading mind in his field, he is dying of a brain tumour.

An elderly shambles of a woman stood half - turned to the wall opening and shutting her mouth in a silent scream still unuttered.

Here and there one spots a Jewish face, incongruous in the context. "I don't want to die in hospital," said an elderly patient, a man who has been in this institution for over 20 years.

According to the (Jewish) psychiatrist, Dr. Rollin, deputy superintendent of Horton, about seven to ten per cent of the Jewish patients in hospital need not rot their lives away—if there was somewhere for them to go.

The Jewish community, in the shape of the Jewish Welfare Board, does have two excellent mental after - care hostels, bright, well - equipped and happily staffed. Dr. Rollin, who professes himself cynical about the concept of community care in general, says of them: "The only evidence I have of community care is from the Jewish community."

Yet Dr. Rollin amplifies his statement by saying that there are still elderly refugee patients at Horton hospital, for example, who never receive a personal visitor.

A welfare worker told me of families so ashamed of mentally ill relatives that they have "forgotten" them or visit them once a year at the Holy days.

When I visited Ealton House, outside London, I felt almost sorry for those people who objected. It was a warm summer's day and the residents (the words inmate or patient are unknown, unthinkable), were sitting on the lawn among the roses.

You could, if you were looking, detect a vulnerable air on one face or read suspicion clouding another. Apart from their years in hospital, some of these men and women have seen their families wiped out in front of their eyes by the Nazis.

But they are not all old enough for that. If you visited the house casually you would notice a group of people from 20 to 70 applying themselves with unusual diligence to their tasks of painting, embroidering and gardening.

Some were away working, in jobs they had found themselves—menial jobs perhaps, but a step towards independence and freedom.

Freedom is the most difficult discipline of all for the residents after all the years of a life run by rules. At Ealton House there are no notices on the walls, no regimentation, no compulsion.

Professional help is on hand—two of the staff are trained mental nurses—but it is the normal life around that heals the most. The housekeeper's nine-year-old daughter is a great favourite with the residents; one woman hadn't seen a child for the past ten years. Another terrified of men, is gradually becoming used to meeting them.

While I was in the hostel, one of the residents had to go back to hospital; she was hallucinated, in her own private world. What was moving was to see how two other residents escorted her to the ambulances and comforted her before she left.

Every resident is carefully vetted before leaving hospital and some do have to return; but even if a man is out for a few months, the J. W. B. feels that it has scored a real success.

At least two people have married from the hostel and married happily and successfully.

What does a Jewish environment mean to these people after all the years in hospital? "It's surprising," said the non-Jewish matron, "how they revert to the rules..." No resident, not even the heaviest smoker, takes out a cigarette on Shabbat and one Yomtov when an occupational therapist turned up by mistake not a soul stirred in the class.

Kashrut is, of course, strictly observed and the sparkling kitchen has separate meat and milk sections and a Passover cupboard that would be the envy of many a housewife.

After 24 years in hospital, one man always insists on asking for sandwiches if he goes out shopping for the day. He would not dream of eating at a non-kosher restaurant. Even the non-Orthodox enjoy the candles on Friday night, the feeling of being "at home" among their own.

The J. W. B. runs another

home in London on similar lines for short-term residents, people who have been in hospital for a shorter spell and whose chances of getting quickly back to life are greater. The two homes together could house about 50. Another home could easily be filled.

Both the Welfare Board and the Central British Fund have done pioneer work in the field and their achievement is recognized by the general community.

Surprisingly, among the Jewish public, care of the mentally sick is still the Cinderella of welfare. A public so ready to help handicapped or even retarded children is slow to give their fellow Jews moulder in hospital, the chance, literally, to live again.

It's not just money that is the problem. It's an attitude of acceptance from our community, employers, employees, families, friends towards mental illness. It's a recognition that the very term "mental illness" covers a vast number and degree of conditions.

It is, above all, a sense that those who have been mentally sick are individual human beings, with as much right to be among us as the man who has broken an arm or a leg.

The J. W. B. dreams of pre-ventive work, more home visiting, more convalescent homes for those on the brink of despair.

Nobody pretends that these things in themselves will prevent mental illness. Environment plays a negligible part in the more severe forms (the



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WRITER REFUGEE DISCLOSES
Many Would Leave
Russia If Permitted

London, (JCNS) — If the gates of Soviet Russia were opened at least half the country's three million Jews would immediately emigrate to Israel. This is the view of Mr. Leonid Finklestein, the Russian-Jewish journalist and author, who, while a member of a Soviet delegation, in England several weeks ago, asked for, and was granted, political asylum.

The first wave of Jewish emigrants would later be followed by another great wave, Mr. Finklestein told a JCNS reporter this week, in an interview.

In the first wave there would

be mostly the elderly and the religious, but Russian-Jewish youth had also now been fired with the idea of the State of Israel and they, too, would want to leave.

There had been a strong and dramatic reawakening of Jewish consciousness in Russia. This was largely due to the discrimination and prejudice which Jews had to endure in Russia. The bond which now united the Russian Jews was oppression. The Government was using anti-

semitism to distract attention from major problems. But Russian youth was strongly against the present Government, and partly because of this showed much sympathy for the plight of the Jews.

Russian anti-Israel propaganda had no effect on Jewish youth, Mr. Finklestein added. They ignored it and were stirred by the achievements of Israel. Many listened in nightly to Kol Israel radio. Significantly, there had been a sharp decline

in intermarriages involving Jews, and there were far more religious Jews in Russia than was generally believed.

Mr. Finklestein stated that he had become bitterly disappointed with the Soviet regime because of its antisemitism and general unjust policies. He had planned his escape to the West for ten years though he had been highly successful as a writer on the staff of a Russian scientific journal.

Silly Chauvinists In Lebanon

It is as certain as anything could be that the devout Christian Hebraists who put the words "Urim V'tummin" on Yale University's crest in 1701, recalling Aaron's breastplate, never dreamed that their Alma Mater would fall foul of the Arab boycott authorities two-and-a-half centuries later. But it did.



Mr. Lee Griggs, a Yale graduate, told the "Yale Alumni Magazine" how, when he arrived in Beirut from Tokyo, the Lebanese impounded his collection of gramophone records, to make

sure there were no Israeli ones among them.

"Five days later," Mr. Griggs' story continues, "I was summoned to the Customs Bureau and accused of purveying Israeli propaganda through (gramophone) records. I denied it. Triumphant they produced a Yale Glee Club recording. The customs men admitted that the record wasn't offensive, but the cover certainly was. It bore the Yale University seal, and thereon was emblazoned—horror—Hebrew script.

"I pointed out that Yale had its seal long before Israel was a gleam in Ben-Gurion's eye. Never mind, they said, the record would have to be destroyed. There was prolonged argument. Finally a typical Lebanese compromise was worked out. I would be allowed to keep the record, but the record cover would have to be destroyed in my presence.

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